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BUCHAREST FOR US DEL TO ECE PREP MTG FOR UNCSTD

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SUBJECT: ECE REGIONAL PAPER FOR UNCSTD

1. IN REVIEWING DRAFT ECE REGIONAL PAPER, WE HAVE FOUND
PART IV (NATIONAL PROGRAMS OF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND
ASSISTANCE) TO BE PARTICULARLY INADEQUATE. WE DOUBT THAT
THIS SECTION CAN BE REVISED SUFFICIENTLY IN COURSE OF
BUCHAREST MEETING TO PRODUCE AN ACCEPTABLE DRAFT.

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2. PART IV SHOULD CONTAIN A MUCH MORE THOROUGH DISCUSSION
OF COUNTRY PROGRAMS NOW IMPLEMENTED, WITH EXAMPLES DRAWN
TO HIGHLIGHT THE ILLUSTRATIVE AREAS CHOSEN AT PREPCOM II
(PRESENT ECE DRAFT PLACES FAR TOO MUCH WEIGHT ON INDUS-
TRIAL DEVELOPMENT). AT A MINIMUM, PART IV SHOULD ALSO IN-
CLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ELIMINATING OBSTACLES TO THE USE
O S AND T FOR DEVELOPMENT.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WEAKNESS OF PRESENT DRAFT IS DUE
IN LARGE MEASURE TO DELAYS IN SUBMISSION OF MANY NATIONAL
PAPERS, INCLUDING U.S. IN U.S. VIEW, THE MOST
REASONABLE WAY TO PROCEED WITH TASK OF DEVELOPING PAPER
FOR SUBMISSION TO PREPCOM III IN SEPTEMBER WOULD BE FOR
ECE TO CONVENE AN EXPERT GROUP MEETING IN LATE AUGUST.
THIS TIMETABLE WOULD ENABLE THE ECE SECRETARIAT AND MEMBER
COUNTRIES TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE NATIONAL PAPERS IN

CONSIDERING PART IV. A SMALL EXPERT GROUP OF ABOUT SIX
IN NUMBER WOULD SEEM ADEQUATE. IF SUGGESTION ALONG THESE
LINES MEETS WITH APPROVAL OF OTHERS, U.S. WOULD BE HAPPY
TO PROVIDE AN EXPERT. VANCE

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